

2014 King County budget unincorporated initiatives

Police storefronts, a reopened police precinct and parks and trail improvements are among investments adopted in the County's 2014 budget for the 250,000 residents of unincorporated King County.

King County's 2014 budget maintains funding for the popular Sheriff's storefront deputies in White Center and Skyway/West Hill, funds the reopening of the Hicks-Raburn Precinct in Maple Valley, and supports two full Sheriff's patrol units – eight officers: six deputies and two sergeants. The budget also supports:

- Improvements sought by residents of White Center for Steve Cox Memorial Park, including artificial turf for the athletic fields, lighting of outdoor basketball courts and rehabilitation of the stadium roof.
- Rehabilitation of Dockton Dock on Maury Island, including work with the state Department of Natural Resources to remove or wrap existing creosote pilings, and the acquisition of more open space on Vashon-Maury Island.
- Investments in trail projects to extend the Green-to-Cedar Rivers Trail, as well as construction of trailhead parking lots at Duthie Hill Mountain Bike Park and Pinnacle Peak Park.
- Support for litter collection and removal in Fall City stemming from recreational use, and additional maintenance funds for Skyway and Petrovitsky parks.

This budget completes the County's transition from hourly charges for new building permits to the new fixed-fee model that improves predictability and consistency for customers, while lowering the cost of issuing permits and opening the door to future e-commerce permitting options.

The budget also maintains the Community Service Area grant program, which in 2013 funded 25 grants for grassroots community projects throughout unincorporated King County.